

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Amended) The surgical tool of claim 1, A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge; and  
at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises at least one wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6 mm or less.

4. (Amended) The surgical tool of claim 1 A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge; and  
at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,

wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity.

Claims 5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Amended) The surgical tool of claim 4 A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge; and  
at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,  
wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode  
comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6 mm or less.

Claims 8-32. (Canceled)

33. (Amended) The device of claim 32 A device, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge;  
and at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip, wherein  
the at least one electrode itself delivers an electrical current to an application site to perform  
electrocautery at the application site,  
wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6mm or less.

Claims 34-36. (Canceled)

37. (Amended) The device of claim 32, A device, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge;  
and at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip, wherein  
the at least one electrode itself delivers an electrical current to an application site to perform  
electrocautery at the application site,  
wherein the tip comprises at least one cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity.

38. (Amended) The device of claim 37, A device, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge;  
and at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip, wherein  
the at least one electrode itself delivers an electrical current to an application site to perform  
electrocautery at the application site,

wherein the tip comprises at least one cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity,

wherein the wire rod comprises a thickness of about 0.6mm or less.

Claims 39-44. (Canceled)

45. (Amended) The device of claim 44, A device, comprising:  
a tip having a mechanical cutting edge to make an incision at an application site;  
and

at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,  
wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6mm or less.

Claims 46-48. (Canceled)

49. (Amended) The device of claim 44, A device, comprising:  
a tip having a mechanical cutting edge to make an incision at an application site;  
and

at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,  
wherein the tip comprises at least one cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity.

50. (Amended) The device of claim 49, A device, comprising:  
a tip having a mechanical cutting edge to make an incision at an application site;  
and

at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,  
wherein the tip comprises at least one cavity and wherein the at least one electrode  
comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity,

wherein the wire rod comprises a thickness of about 0.6mm or less.

Claims 51-63. (Canceled)

64. (Amended) The system of claim 29, A system for cauterizing and cutting,  
comprising:

a surgical tool having a tip and a handle coupled to the tip, the tip including a  
mechanical cutting edge and at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of  
the tip;

a contact electrode passing through the handle and electrically coupled to the at  
least one electrode; and

an energy source coupled to the handle to deliver electrocautery energy to the at  
least one electrode via the contact electrode,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises at least one wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6mm or less.

65. (Amended) The system of claim 29, A system for cauterizing and cutting,  
comprising:

a surgical tool having a tip and a handle coupled to the tip, the tip including a  
mechanical cutting edge and at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of  
the tip;

a contact electrode passing through the handle and electrically coupled to the at  
least one electrode; and

an energy source coupled to the handle to deliver electrocautery energy to the at  
least one electrode via the contact electrode,

wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity.

Claims 66-67. (Canceled)

68. (Amended) The system of claim 65, A system for cauterizing and cutting, comprising:

a surgical tool having a tip and a handle coupled to the tip, the tip including a mechanical cutting edge and at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip;

a contact electrode passing through the handle and electrically coupled to the at least one electrode; and

an energy source coupled to the handle to deliver electrocautery energy to the at least one electrode via the contact electrode,

wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6mm or less.

Claims 69-74. (Canceled)

75. (Amended) The surgical tool of claim 30, A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge and at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip, the tip being removably and frictionally engaged to a handle; and

a contact electrode formed inside the handle, the contact electrode being in electrical communication with the at least one electrode when the tip is removably and frictionally engaged to the handle,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises at least one wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6mm or less.

76. (Amended) The surgical tool of claim 30, A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge and at least one electrode  
attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip, the tip being removably and frictionally  
engaged to a handle; and

a contact electrode formed inside the handle, the contact electrode being in  
electrical communication with the at least one electrode when the tip is removably and  
frictionally engaged to the handle

wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode  
comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity.

Claims 77-78 (Canceled)

79. (Amended) The surgical tool of claim 76, A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge and at least one electrode  
attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip, the tip being removably and frictionally  
engaged to a handle; and

a contact electrode formed inside the handle, the contact electrode being in  
electrical communication with the at least one electrode when the tip is removably and  
frictionally engaged to the handle,

wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode  
comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness  
of about 0.6mm or less.

Claims 80-86. (Canceled)

87. (Amended) The surgical tool of claim 85, A surgical tool, comprising:

a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge, the edge not being formed from an electrode; and

at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises at least one wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6 mm or less.

88. (Amended) ~~The surgical tool of claim 85;~~ A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge, the edge not being formed from an electrode; and

at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,

wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity.

Claims 89-90. (Canceled)

91. (Amended) ~~The surgical tool of claim 88;~~ A surgical tool, comprising:  
a tip having at least one mechanical cutting edge, the edge not being formed from an electrode; and

at least one electrode attached to a non-mechanical cutting edge of the tip,

wherein the tip further comprises a cavity and wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod embedded in the cavity,

wherein the at least one electrode comprises a wire rod, the wire rod having a thickness of about 0.6 mm or less.

Claims 92-95. (Canceled)